

# State Bar 2016 Awards—Call for Nominations!

*State Bar Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS)*

The State Bar of California is seeking nominations for the President's Pro Bono Awards and the Loren Miller Legal Services Award. Both awards recognize extraordinary service to low-income Californians. Please consider any colleagues or peers who you believe may qualify for either award.

## **President's Pro Bono Service Awards**

Bar members and law students who performed extraordinary pro bono service during 2015 are eligible for the 2016 President's Pro Bono Service Awards.

- Up to nine awards may be given each year
- Eligible nominees include individual California attorneys (solo, recently admitted, limited active practice, government, law firm, corporate, law school faculty), teams of California lawyers, California law firms or the California offices of national and international law firms, associations of California lawyers, law schools accredited by the ABA or the State Bar, and law students (provided the student did not receive compensation or academic credit for the work)
- The pro bono work must be legal work, not civic or public service (e.g., building houses or serving meals in a soup kitchen would not qualify)

Many commendable nominations are received each year but only a few can be recognized. If a previous nomination was not recognized, please consider renominating that individual, firm, team, association or law school if their pro bono service in 2015 was significant. If you have questions about the resubmission process, feel free to contact either of the SCDLS representatives named below.

Self-nominations are welcomed. Also, nominees from the following geographic areas and practice settings are highly encouraged:

- Rural and Non-Urban Regions
- Solo Practice
- Small Firm
- Corporate or In-House
- Government or Public Sector

## **Loren Miller Legal Services Award**

The Loren Miller Legal Services Award recognizes a lifetime commitment to legal services and extending legal service to the poor.

- Past recipients of this prestigious award include dedicated senior staff attorneys, executive directors and directors of litigation of legal services programs as well as private bar attorneys
- The award honors long-standing dedication to legal services and breadth of service

Each year nominations are submitted for the Loren Miller Award, but only one lawyer is recognized. If you know someone who was previously nominated, but did not receive the award, please consider renominating that person. There are many dedicated lawyers toiling day in and day out for their entire careers in legal services to California's poor, but the only way they are eligible for recognition is if they are nominated. If you have questions about resubmitting a prior nomination, feel free to contact either of the SCDLS representatives named below.

The nomination deadline for both awards is **March 15, 2016**. Guidelines, nomination process and instructions for submitting the electronic nomination form for both the [Loren Miller Award](#) and [Pro Bono Awards](#) are provided on the State Bar's website at [www.calbar.org/awards](http://www.calbar.org/awards).

The 2016 awards will be presented at a reception on September 30, 2016 during the [State Bar Annual Meeting in San Diego](#). If you have any questions about the awards, please contact Panida Rzonca, Awards Chair for the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS), at [panida@thaicdc.org](mailto:panida@thaicdc.org), or Sharon Ngim, SCDLS Staff Liaison, at [sharon.ngim@calbar.ca.gov](mailto:sharon.ngim@calbar.ca.gov).

***Please encourage nominations amongst your colleagues by sharing this information on your website, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and/or other social media platforms.***